1	2	3
3.	Bihar	50
4.	Chhattisgarh	14
5.	Delhi	37
6.	Gujarat	55
7.	Haryana	24
8.	HP.	25
9.	J&K	34
10.	Jharkhand	6
11.	Karnataka	28
12.	Kerala	30
13.	M.P.	50
14.	Maharashtra	50
15.	N.E.	29
16.	Orissa	35
17.	Punjab	71
18.	Rajasthan	30
19.	Tamil Nadu	67
20.	U.R	121
21.	Uttaranchal	4
22.	West Bengal	35
	Total	900

Revamping and restructuring FCI

1659. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any study to revamp and restructure FCI;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to plug loopholes and contain leakages in transportation and storage of foodgrains; and

(d) the other steps taken to weed out curruption and make FCI economically viable and self-supporting?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) and (b) No study has been specifically conducted by the Government to revamp and restructure FCI. However, the Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI), Hyderabad was assigned a study on the cost of acquisition and distribution of foodgrains by FCI so as to arrive at ways and means for reducing the economic cost.

(c) The details of the steps taken to plug loopholes and contain leakages in transportation and storage of foodgrains in FCI are given in the Statement. (See below,).

(d) Various steps taken by the FCI to weed out corruption are: (a) Surprise/regular checks to plug loopholes in procedure so that the officers/ officials working in the field do not taken undue advantage of any lacunae, (b) Expeditious investigation into the complaints and allegations, (c) Initiating disciplinary proceedings against the delinquent officers/ officials and also institution of criminal cases, as warranted, (d) Stricter surveillance on high-loss reporting depots, (e) Surprise checks at the time of loading/unloading of the stocks by the Regional, Zonal and Headquarters Squads.

FCI implements the Government policies in respect of procurement, storage and distribution of foodgrains. Since the Minimum Support Price for procurement & Central Issue Prices for distribution are determined by the Government, the Government reimburses the differential on account of FCI's operational expenses.

Statement

The following steps have been taken by the Government and the Food Corporation of India to plug loopholes and contain leakages in transportation and storage of foodgrains:

(a) Adoption of 50 Kg. packing in a phased manner to avoid use of hooks.

(b) Installation of electronic lorry weighbridges.

(c) Administrative measures such as tightening of security at depots, intensifying surprise checks, ensuring regular stock verification etc.

(d) Adoption of double line machine stitching of bags.

(e) Induction of Central Industrial Security Force at vulnerable depots to curb theft and pilferage.

(f) To streamline procedure and documentation for transporency and accountability in operations at each level.

(g) Special squad checking at selected railhead, transhipment and destination/despatch centres.

(h) Identification of vulnerable points.

(i) Speed up fixation of responsibility and recoveries of the losses wherever called for.

(j) Inspection of depots by Senior Officers and Headquarters, Zonal Managers/Senior Regional Manager/District Managers.

(k) Regular inspection of weighbridges.

(I) Improvement in size and quality of gunnies.

(m) Three-tier system of audit i.e. Internal, Statutory and CAG.

Sugar Development Fund

1660. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): DR. AKHILESH DAS:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sugar Development Fund failed in respect of all of its objectives during 1995—2001 mainly Modernisation and cane development wherein 39 of the 64 cases no loan was released and short-term loans for providing inputs like seeds, fertilizers and pesticides;

(b) if so, whether no mechanism was in place to assess the progress of implementation of the projects and schemes and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to carry out the purposes of the funds during 2001 - 2002 and 2002-2003 and the achievements in respect of each scheme during these years?